

Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



Welcome to the year 2020. Today, I will join many others in writing an article that tries to make a point using “20/20 vision” as the hook. Since my wife currently is working as an optometric tech, my perspective might be

a little different than some others.

Often people think about 20/20 vision being “perfect”. That isn’t really the case though. This is simply describing that you can see clearly at 20 feet what you should be seeing at that distance. 20/20 is “normal” for this specific test of vision.

Having 20/20 vision doesn’t mean you have no visual problems. For example – you could have normal 20/20 vision, but still have problems focusing on things closer than 20 feet. You could have color blindness. Maybe your peripheral vision isn’t what it is supposed to be.

What does all of this mean for libraries, besides the stereotypical image of librarians wearing glasses of some sort? I’ll suggest that we all have some sort of vision of what we want the library to be. That mental picture of what you want the library to be will guide the decisions you make in this year and beyond.

This mental picture of yours will be tested in many ways by many different people. Those who use the library will test your abilities to get them what they want now and in the future. Your funders will test your abilities to stay within the budget. Your boards,

superintendents, councils or whoever is higher up in the entity you are a part of will test if your mental picture fits with the one they have for the city, school, or institution. What is perfect for one test may not be for another.

I would suggest that you spend some time to examine your mental picture of what the library will look like this year and think about how it handles those tests. Maybe some corrective action needs to be taken, maybe it doesn’t.

In the end you are trying to come up with a “perfect” 2020 vision.

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Calendar

January 16, [Apollo User Group Meeting](#)

January 16, Appreciate a Dragon Day

January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, SELS Office Closed

January 24, [CASTL, Bruun Memorial Library, Humboldt, "Kanopy" and "Teen Services"](#)

January 31, [STEM in the Library Workshop Day](#), La Vista Public Library

January 31, [Transforming Teen Services: Computational Thinking, Connected Learning and YOU!](#), Walt Branch Library

February, Library Lover's Month

February 2, National Groundhog Day

February 4, Safer Internet Day

February 8, National Kite Flying Day

February 21, [CASTL, Burkley Library and Resource Center, DeWitt, "US 2020 Census"](#)

March 13, [Summer Reading Workshop 2020, Syracuse Public Library](#)

March 27, [Marketing Your Library with Canva, Seward Memorial Library](#)



Photos of the Month



Santa was a big hit at the Hebron Secrest Library's Christmas Storytime Dec. 21st. Stories, crafts, treats and special time with Santa were enjoyed by 24 children and 15adults. —Chuck Reichwein

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

January 24

Bruun Memorial Library
Humboldt
“Kanopy” and “Transforming Teen Services”

February 21

Burkley Library and Resource Center
DeWitt
“Census 2020”

March 20

Crete Public Library
“Growing Up Wild”

April 23

Kilgore Memorial Library
York

May 29

Falls City Library & Art Center

June 26

Gilbert Memorial Library
Friend

July 24

Wahoo Public Library

August 27

Fairbury Public Library

Once again Sam Shaw visited our CASTL group to make his extremely helpful presentation on the Bibliostat software that librarians use to enter their public library statistics. CASTL was held at Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City and was hosted by Donna Kruse.

Sam said that in the passwords there is never a capital letter "O," and that this results in a lot of mistyped passwords. Always type the number 0 (zero)!

Edit checks occur when the software notices major changes from the previous year, such as when the data for a field differs greatly from the prior year. When you give an explanation as a federal or state note, as appropriate, the edit check disappears. If edit checks appear that are similar to the prior year, it is OK to copy notes from the previous year for those particular edit checks.

Grey questions are locked and you can not change the information yourself in them. If for some reason they need to be changed, give Sam a call or send him an email and he can change that information.

When reporting funding, it is important that you do not include donations from friends and foundations, as this skews your total. Also, while capital revenue should be reported, it should be carefully separated from operating revenue. When engaged in building projects, renovations, HVAC replacement, or other major projects, capital revenue may not equal capital expenditures. This is because funding may be received in one year but it takes longer to start and complete the project and so the expenditure of funds may stretch over more than one year.

While the Summer Reading Program is asked about separately in Bibliostat, these figures should also be included in the annual totals of programs and participants.

Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

To see the list of upcoming classes, [click here](#). Here's what's coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
Feb. 10—Feb. 21	Customer Service	January 6—January 31
March 9—March 20	Library Governance	February 3—February 28
March 23—April 3	Library Technology	February 17—March 13

News Around the System

Beatrice Public Library Enjoys Great Turnout

By Katy Chapman

Beatrice Public Library's annual Christmas children's craft had a turnout of over 99 participants! Children were invited to make Santa Keys or ornaments. After crafts they listened to "Santa's Magic Key."



Seward Patrons Escaped During the Holidays

Story by Charlotte Baldinger, photos by Olivia Garske

Between Christmas and school resuming in January, Seward patrons spent time helping Santa in the "Very Merry Christmas Caper" escape room in Seward Memorial Library. Families and friends signed up for one-hour slots to help Santa find three hidden items necessary for his annual flight. The patrons dressed in reindeer antlers tackled the clues and managed to open the seven locked boxes and retrieve Santa's hat, warehouse key, and delivery list. No group failed. It was interesting to observe how imagination and determination led teams of all ages to bond on their mission. Photos were posted with the team finish times in the library, and there are no frowns on the reindeers. It took a lot of work to prepare the special holiday room, but it paid off in compliments, and a waiting list proved its success.



News Around the System

Increasing the Circulation in Auburn

By Heather Koenecke

With the new fiscal year starting in October, we thought we would put a little emphasis on circulation and help people understand that what they do here at the library counts. So for October - December, we set an in-house circulation goal. Our patrons blew past it by almost 1,000 extra check-outs! We had a goal chart that got colored in weekly and it was interesting to see people's reactions and hear the comments.

For January - April, we are doing a stamp card (below) and holding weekly drawings. Requirements are to have a library card, check something out, and have your card stamped for that week. Winners receive Chamber Bucks (local gift certificates). Easy but rewarding!

Week	Jan	Feb	March	April
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Wahoo Celebrates Noon Year's Eve Party

Photos by Carrie Trutna





User Group Meeting

For veteran users, those considering moving to Apollo, and everyone in between!

This event is
FREE to attend!
Lunch is on your own.

Please register using the
links provided below.

For additional information
visit our website at:

<http://libraries.ne.gov/york/apollo/>

Questions?

Contact Becky Baker at:

Becky.Baker@sewardlibrary
or
(402) 643-3318

Join us for a day of discussion and learning with your peers.

Who should attend? Any public library staff member interested in learning more about the Apollo library management system (see biblionix.com). Current users and non-users who are interested in learning more about Apollo are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Inclement weather date: **January 30th**. Same place, same time.
Watch our website for announcements **about weather**.

Seward Memorial Library

233 S 5th St, Seward, NE 68434

Library opens at 9:00 am

Registration opens at 9:30 am

Event from 10:00 am — 3:00 pm

** CE hours for Nebraska Certification will be submitted to NLC.*

** If you have a laptop and external Apollo credentials feel free to bring them with you to this meeting.*

This event is free!

However, we still need to know how many to plan for.
Please complete this [online registration form](#) for each person attending from your library.
Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

Or copy and paste this link in your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/Jan16Apollo>

Transforming Teen Services: Computational Thinking, Connected Learning and YOU!

Join Laura England-Biggs and Sally Snyder to learn more about Computational Thinking, Connected Learning and Teens. How do we use these concepts to enhance our programming for this age group?

2.5 CE hours through the NLC public librarian certificate program will be available.

Friday, January 10 2020 from 10 am—12:30 pm (checkin starts at 9:30)

Millard Branch, Omaha Public Library (13214 Westwood Lane, Omaha, NE 68144)

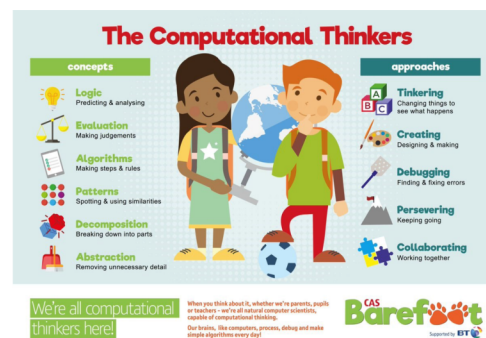
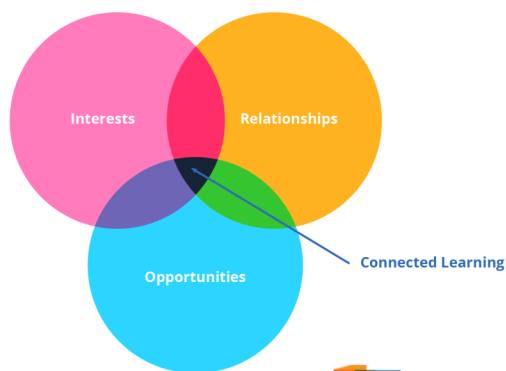
Register Here (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=18959>)

OR

Friday, January 31 2020 from 10:30 am—1 pm (checkin starts at 10 am)

Walt Branch—Lincoln City Library (6701 South 14th Street, Lincoln NE 68512)

Register Here (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=18960>)



Save the date!
SELS Training Extravaganza

May 8, Seward Memorial Library

9:45—3:00

FREE STEM in the Library Workshop

LA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY
31 JANUARY 2020
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

This half-day workshop, facilitated by Dr. Saundra Wever Frerichs, Science Education Specialist with Nebraska 4-H, will develop your expertise in planning and delivering STEM programs that engage children and families in learning at your library. Through hands-on activities, discussions, and videos, you will be prepared to provide STEM learning experiences that are active, relevant, engaging, and appropriate for children.

NO REGISTRATION FEE
3 CE available

Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/LibSTEM>



Summer Reading Program 2020 Workshop



Imagine Your Story

Syracuse Public Library

Syracuse, NE

10—3:15

March 13, 2020

4 CE

FREE! Topics will include: 1. Fairy Tales, Legends, Myths, Oh My! Hear About New Titles 2. Imagination Stations: Tween Programming for Summer Reading 2020 3. Activities to Fire Up Imagination in Children 4. Summer Crafts Sampler and 5. Outreach and School Partnerships.

Registration is available now at bit.ly/2SRPW2020

This program is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

MARKETING

Your Library with Canva

With Canva you can easily produce a variety of marketing tools,
including eye-catching flyers and social media posts.

March 27

Seward Memorial Library

Computer Lab

9:15 Registration

9:30—12:30 Canva Workshop

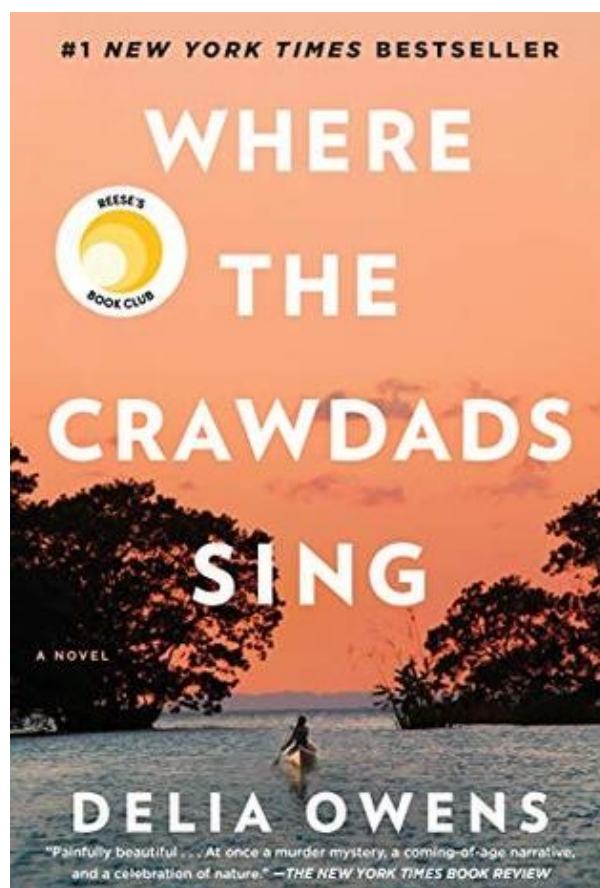
Register at <http://bit.ly/Canva11>



System Spotlight

New Book Kit

Since these books are in such scarce supply, we had to put together a book kit for book groups who want to read and discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing*. A synopsis based on Goodreads: Abandoned at age ten, Kya has survived on her own in the marsh that she calls home. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life lessons from the land, learning from the false signals of fireflies the real way of this world. But while she could have lived in solitude forever, the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. Drawn to two young men from town, who are each intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world--until the unthinkable happens.



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